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FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING ON JUTE ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP TO FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE JUTE ARRANGEMENTS: TEXT OF DECISION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: 1. THE FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING CONSIDERED THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE TWO EXPERT-LEVEL MEETINGS AND APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT NO. TD/B/IPC/JUTE/5. THE PRE-

PARATORY MEETING FURTHER TOOK NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE AT THE CURRENT SESSION.

2. CONSIDERING THAT FURTHER WORK WAS NECESSARY, AND IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE AGREED NEED FOR AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS, THE PREPARATORY MEETING FURTHER DECIDED TO SET UP AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS WITH FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

A) TO FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MEASURES ON WHICH FURTHER AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED:

- B) TO PREPARE DRAFT PROPOSALS ON THE ELEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH ARRANGEMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS AND THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.
- 3. IN FULFILLING THE TASK ASSIGNED TO IT, THE WORKING GROUP SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING AND THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, BEARING IN MIND THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 93(IV).
- 4. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 98(IV) AND THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES, SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING LINCLASSIFIED.

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LAND-LOCKED, LEAST DEVELOPED JUTE PRODUCING COUNTRY BY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIELDS OF RESEARCH, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION.

- 5. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TECHNICAL SUPPORT TOTHE WORKING GROUP IN COLLABORATION WITH FAO, UNDP AND OTHER RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- 6. THE MEETING RECOMMENDS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO SCHEDULE TWO MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND A FURTHER PREPARATORY MEETING.
- 7. MARKET ACESS. REGARDING MARKET ACCESS THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MTN AND EXISTING BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ALL EFFORTS BE MADE TO ELIMINATE OR DEDUCE PROGRESSIVELY THE EXISTING TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IN THE FIELD OF JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS; IT RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MAKE SIGNIFICATN EFFORTS TO EXTEND AND IMPROVE THE GSP. UNQUOTE

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